AFFAIR AT BESTER'S STATION

Special-Service Squadron Fitting Out at Portsmouth.

BOERS IN BIG FORCE

weight was lifted from the public mind by a brief official dispatch published this morning by which the continental stories of disaster at Ladysmith were proved to be false, although the dispatch itself reother direction, as it indicated that General White, instead of sitting tight and acting wholly on the defensive, as it is held in many quarters he ought to do, persists in making sorties and risking another Nichol son's Nek disaster. Generally, however, the cheery tone of the dispatch, showing that there is no anxiety at Ladysmith as regards the ability of the beleaguered garrison to hold its own, has had an excellent effect on the country.

From the fact that Gen. White is able to take the offensive and shell a Boer camp, ft seems that Ladysmith is not so closely besieged as was supposed. Not much importance, however, is attached to the shelling of the Boer langer, as the war office has no confirmation of the story that the Orange Free Staters' camp at Bester's has been captured. Were this true, it might have considerable effect on the future attitude of the Orange Free State, which is not so directly concerned in the conflict as

## Boers Going Into Cape Colony.

The movement of Boers into Cape Colony is beginning to awaken British fear that they have greatly underestimated forces they will have to meet, and that even General Buller's task may not be so easy as anticipated. It is becoming apparent that all the British calculations. based on the loyalty of population, are hopelessly at sea, or there has been a very serious leakage of Dutch sympathizers from Natal and Cape Colony. Otherwise there is no accounting for the large forces of burghers reported from all directions. The war office, consequently, is being urged to have more troops in readiness for all possible demands.

The evacuation of Colenso and the reperted withdrawal of the British force from Stormberg are still unexplained. The former may be due either to the Boer artillery rendering the place untenable, or to the fact that pressure elsewhere, possibly at Pletermaritzburg, has necessitated the concentration at a threatened point of all available troops. It is said that if the objective of the Boers traversing Zululand was Pietermaritzburg, they ought shortly to be heard from. That the position is regarded as serious is apparent from the fact that the British cruisers are hurrying to the Cape station.

With regard to Stormberg, it is claimed that if it turns out to be true that the place has been evacuated, it may either be due to the impossibility at present of providing an adequate garrison to defend such important supplies against the Boer raids, or to a change in Gen. Buller's plans whereby Gen. Methuen's division will be landed at Durban to relieve Gen. White. If the latter plan is decided on, the neares available stores are those at Stormberg, and the quickest method of making the necessary provision for an advance will be to railroad those stores to East London whence they would reach Durban before the first troopship.

#### Special Service Squadron Under Orders.

A dispatch from Portland says a special service squadron has been instructed to coal for a voyage, and that no one connected with the squadron is permitted to sleep outside the port.

Advices from Cape Town under date of November 3 say martial law has been proclaimed in the districts occupied by the British troops between the Orange river and de Aar. The premier, Mr. W. P. Schreiner, has sent a circular to the magistrates and others warning all persons against all statements to the effect that the parliamentary institutions and constitutional government would be lost or detrimentally affected.

He adds that the proclamation of martial law is only a matter of temporary argency in some districts and does not compel the burghers of the colony to participate in the "deplorable hostilities. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Hol-

stein, grandson of Queen Victoria, and a captain in the King's Royal Riffes, and other officers have left Cape Town for Ladysmith, to replace the dead and

board the British cruiser Penelope. They number 9 officers and 180 men. The Dutch farmers of Aliwal North

have passed a resolution making a strong loyalty of the Dutch in Cape Colony. An official notice posted at the Landrosts office at Vryburg October 28, referring to the bembardment of Mafeking, says: The big Pretoria gun wrought great de-

struction, but the enemy obstinately holds

Other advices from Vryburg say the British flag still files over Kuruman, but that the Boer force is about to proceed thither The Dolarris command has been reinforced by 3,000 Boers and has gone to Kimberley

#### British Saved Their Stores. DURBAN, Natal, November 3, evening

(delayed in transmission).-It is said that the Colenso garrison saved all the stores, tents, kits, etc. The Boers numbered about 5 (80) men, comprising a fresh corps of the Orange Free Staters. The armored train did splendid service, taking a detachment of the Dublin Fusiliers to relieve an outlying fort, garrisoned by volunteers. Reassuring reports have been received re-serding the position at Pietermaritzburg.

# BOER CAMP SHELLED.

# Gen. Buller Reports British Success

in Sortie at Ladysmith. LONDON. November 6.-The war office issued the following at 11:40 p.m. yesterday: Buller to the secretary state for war: Cape Town, November 5, 8:40 p.m.-The commandant at Durban sends the following, received from Ladysmith by pigeon post, dated Novem-

'Yesterday Gen. French went out with cavalry and field artillery and effectively shelled the Boers' laager, without loss on

Lieut Egerton of the Powerful is dead. General Joubert sent in Major C. S. Kincald of the Royal Irish Fusileers and nine wounded prisoners. Eight Boers were sent out in exchange, no others being fit to

Our loss was very small.

e bombardment of Ladysmith con-

tinued yesterday and today, many Boer shells being pitched into the town. Our cratic campaign has been managed by troops are in good health and spirits, and Richard Croker, who has contended that wounded are doing well."

I think that General French's name is given by mistake for Brecklehurst's.'

Wounded at Kimberley Doing Well

RAISE BRITISH HOPE office from Cape Town, under date of Sunthat General Kekewich, in command at Kimberley, reports under date of October 31, that all the wounded were doing well. A dispatch from the Orange river, November 3, says that Wednesday night an attack on Kimberley was expected at any

> The general belief in London is that the The general belief in London is that the Boers are now waiting for more guns from Pretoria before attacking Ladysmith. The fact that Sir Redvers Buller appears to have ordered a retirement from Stormberg, and perhaps from other places, relieves to some extent the public mind, which otherwise would have been further alarmed. wise would have been further alarmed. Confidence is felt in any measures that General Buller may deem desirable. The thowledge that the pigeon-post is working and also comes as a relief to the great taxledy previously felt.
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> The third-class cruiser Pelorus has been

ordered from Gibraltar to Durban, and the third-class cruiser Fearless from Port Sald to the same point. Dispatches from Cape Town and other centers in Cape Colony Indicate that the Cape Dutch are becoming resities in consequence of the continued Roof Successor

### Boers Destroy Railway.

It appears that the Boers have destroyed the railway as far down as Knapdaar, eighteen miles south of Bethulfe.

The correspondent of the Times at Ladysmith, under date of November 2, confirms the report of artillery exchanges. He says: "The investment of the town is now permanent. Last night the enemy tapped the wires in our rear. He can therefore cut our communication whenever he pleases. It is siggested, however, that the Boers believe that Ladysmith is in their power, and that they are therefore anxious to have us get up all our military stores be-fore they attack up.

they attack us. "A reconnoissance by Lancers and a field battery today found a Free State laager, which the British shelled heavily, driving

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The British first-class protected cruiser Terrible is steaming at full speed from Simonstown, Cape Colony, for Durban, Natal

"There is some disquietude here in consequence of a message from Pretoria, giving Commandant Cronje's report of his operations against Mafeking. The grand stand is only about a mile from Mafeking, and if Cronje's account is to be believed, the Boers must be very close."

#### Will Carry Lyddite Shells.

Transports have just been secured for the Woolwich howitzer brigade, which will be hurried to the Cape. The brigade has 10,000 rounds of 5-inch lyddite shells await-According to the estimates, a single shell, falling into a compact body, will kill 300 men. It was demonstrated in the bat-tle of Omdurman, which destroyed the army of Khalifa Abdullah, that a large number of dervishes were killed by suffo-cation, while hundreds of vultures and eagles fell upon the battlefield from the

The Times publishes a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated November 3, which says: "The Dutch residents here have received news of a sanguinary battle fought yesterday, probably between Ladysmith and Colenso . A large number of the Boers were killed, many being relatives of Natal Dutch residing in this place. The English residents have no knowledge of any

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kuru-nan, British Bechuanaland, dated Novem-eer 2, says: "Three hundred Bechuanaland Boers have joined Commandant De-larey's force, which has gone to Kimber-ley, leaving only 200 men at Vryburg." G. W. Stevens, describing for the Daily Mail the affair at Nicholson's Nek, says: "The Boers shot magnificently. The mo-ment a Britisher raised his head to see e the enemy were he instantly fell with a bullet in it." On the other after the engagement, the Boers

ted with the greatest kindness to unded and unwounded. They spent the afternoon singing dole ful hymns under the trees, and they had reason to be doleful, for they had lost

## Camp Broken at Stormberg.

The Daily Mail publishes the following lispatch from Burghersdorp, dated November 2: "The large British camp at Stormberg Junction has been broken up today by the order of Sir Redvers Builer. Everything, including guns, stores, tents and the usual paraphernalia of a camp, is being removed to Queenstown, about fifty miles outheast of Stormberg.
"An Orange Free State force about 3,500

strong, with several guns, which for some time was concentrated just across the Or-ange river, has crossed the bridge at Bethulie, destroying portions of the railway on its march. This obviously with the inten-tion of checking the coming advance of our army corps.

to the south. The impression here is that the removal of the Stormberg camp may result in a large number of the colonial Boers joining the enemy. The English section is utterly upset at the withdrawal of the British troops and the serious news

from Natal."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says he understands that in addition to Stormberg, Rosmead Junction and

#### Naguwhoort are to evacuated Attitude of the United States.

The Times, in a careful editorial today on the relations of the United States to the war in South Africa, says: "When the continent rings with denunciations of England, it is very cheering and refreshing for the English people to note the sympathy and ntelligent comprehension manifested in the United States. We should prize American sympathy in any case; but it becomes doubly grateful when manifestly based eliberate and well-informed judg upon a deliberate and well-informed judg ment of the essential merits of the quarrel as well as upon a reciprocation of the kindly feelings with which Englishmen regard

American aims and enterprises.

"The American people are not blinded by the accident that the Transvaal calls itself a republic. They know that every essential attribute of a republic is wanting, and they know also that England stands for equal laws, individual freedom, and the energetic progress which together make up the ublican ideal of the Americans 'nited States now plumps for England, without regard to the fine-drawn technical

# Capt. Slocum Sails for Africa.

A dispatch from Liverpool yesterday says: Scenes of remarkable enthusiasm at the embarkation here today of the 10th Hussars upon the transport Columbian took place. An erroneous report that the Prince of Wales, who is honorary colonel of this regiment, was coming to bid the troops arewell drew out enormous crowds. Som Lige Guards and some Horse Guards also

The Duke and Duchess of Bucclouch, the Lord and Lady Derby, Earl Cadogan, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinek and other notable people were present to say good-by to relatives among the officers. Five mili-tary attaches, including Capt. S. L. Slo-cum. 8th United States Cavalry, United States military attache in Vienna, went of board the Columbian, which will sail to night.

# CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK.

# Croker Admits That His Former Pre-

diction Will Not Be Fulfilled. NEW YORK, November 6,-The political campaign ended today was one of the hardest fought struggles ever known in this city in an off year. The republicans, to strengthen themselves in their fight against Tammany Hall, entered into a fuion arrangement on the county ticket with the Citizens' Union and the independent labor party, and gave the shrievalty nomination, the most valuable place financially on the ticket, to William J. O'Brien, a representative of the labor party. To op-pose O'Brien Tammany Hali nominated Wm. F. Groll, at present a tax commissioner.

Interest centers in the fight for assemblyman in the nineteenth district. In that district Tammany Hall set out early to defeat Assemblyman Robert Mazet as a protest against the appointment of the in-vestigating committee known by his name. Mazet's defeat would make it impossible Colonel Breklehurst, with cavalry, field artillery, the Imperial Light Horse, and the Natal Mounted Volunteers was engaged today with the enemy to the southwest of Ladysmith. The fighting lasted would make it impossible for him to present his committee's report to the next assembly. Tammany indorsed the candidacy of Perez M. Stewart, a democratic member of the Citizens' Union tight to the cardinacy of Perez M. Stewart, a democratic member of the Citizens' Union tight tiny has been so close that it does not seem probable that any man illegally registered the democrats would get every assembly-man in this city, but today it was practi-cally conceded that the republicans will re-elect Edward H. Fallows in the twenty-Sir Redvers Buller has wired the war districts "might be doubtful."

Vice President Hobart Spent a Comfortable Night and is Resting Quietly.

Taking a Lively Interest in Politics and the War Between Great Britain and the Boers

PATERSON, N. J., November 6.-The condition of Vice President Hobart was but little changed today, except that he was slightly weaker. He spent a fairly comfortable night and slept a good part of the

Dr. Newton again spent the night at Carrol Hall, and said at 8 o'clock this morning that Mr. Hobart rested as well as could be expected under the circumstances He denied emphatically the statement published in a morning paper to the effect that Mr. Hobart was suffering from cancer of the stomach. He said that the statement given out by him several days ago, with the consent of the family, entirely covered the malady of the Vice President, and added that there had been no new develop-ment of the disease. His official morning bulletin contained nothing beyond the above

tatements. Many letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received, and President and Mrs. McKinley daily send a telegram and a box f roses and violets to Carrol Hall. Dr. Newton said today that Mr. Hobart

took a lively interest in questions of the day, extending to the Boer situation and the coming election; but that he (Dr. Newton) and the members of the family dis couraged such discussions as likely to un-duly excite him.

Mr. Hobart takes no solid food, and comparatively little liquid nourishment. His vitality, upon which he is living, is remarkable and his cheerfulness is a strong factor in sustaining the members of the family in their affliction. He fully realizes that his end is near. Unless Mr. Hobart's condition changes materially, Dr. Newton will not issue another bulletin until the after-noon, to be followed by another at night. Vice President Hobart was resting quietly this afternoon. During the day he partook of some chicken broth.

The New York World of today says: Notwithstanding the statement that Vice President Hobart is suffering from heart lisease, the World learned yesterday from an undeniable authority that the distinguished invalid also is suffering from cancer of the stomach.

The attending and consulting physicians made this diagnosis some time ago, but at the request of the family kept the fact a ecret, and n the recent statement to the public mentioned only the fact that Mr. Hobart was afflicted with heart disease. It is now one week since Mr. Hobart's illness became so critical that his death was momentarily expected. The strain has been a severe one for Mrs. Hobart, but she is earing up bravely.
A friend of the Vice President's asked Dr.

Newton yesterday:
"Is there the slightest hope of Mr. Hobart's ultimate recovery?"
"All we can do," replied the doctor, "is to compare the case with others of a similar nature. Many people have suffered from the disease."

"Have there been any recoveries?"
"Unfortunately not."
Mr. Hobart is still cheerful, notwithstanding that he recognizes his end is near.
He suffers no pain whatever, and when he awakes from slumber he chats pleasantly with those about him and seems to be a with those about him, and seems to be fre

### from care and worry EILLED BY HIS BROTHER.

#### Henry Shaver Shot in Dispute Over Right of Way.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., November 6 .-Word reached here early this morning of the killing of Henry Shaver by his brother, Robert Shaver, at Tunnelton, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, twenty miles east of Grafton, W. Va., as the result of a lispute over right of way claimed by Henry through land held by his brother. Henry went to Kingwood and consulted a lawyer. who advised him to take down the fence Robert had erected across the road and drive through. This Henry proceeded to do, when Robert shot twice from a secondstory window of his house, which stands nearby, both builets entering his brother's head, killing him instantly. The affair caused the wildest excitement. The sheriff was afraid to arrest Shaver, and persons whom he had denutized refused to issist. At last he sent a small boy to the house to tell Shaver to come out and give himself up, which he did. He is now in

# WORK OF ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS.

Massachusetts Democrats Claim Big Reduction in Republican Plurality. BOSTON, November 6.-The closing of the campaign in Massachusetts is unattended by anything like excitement. The election of the republican candidate for governor, with Murray Crane and the remainder of the state ticket, is regarded as certain. Robert Treat Paine, jr., the democratic nominee for governor, and other democratic campaigners will hold their final rally tonight. The democratic state committee claims that the anti-expansion-st element in the republican party will ither refrain from voting or east their bal-ots for Mr. Paine, and that the republican jurality will be at least 30,000 less than hat of last year.

# nat of last year. The republican state committee will not concede a reduction of more than 10,000.

### CAMPAIGN IN NEBRASKA. A Large Vote Anticipated if Weather

is Fair Tomorrow. LINCOLN, Neb., November 6.-There was

a general closing up of campaign headwarters today to permit officers and clerks living out of town to go home to vote Based on the registration figures in cities and large towns, the vote tomorrow, with good weather, will equal if not exceed that of a year ago. Under the new law voters. in order to participate in next year's primaries, must give their political affiliations when they register, and the result has seen gratifying to republican managers ne fusionists declare it means nothing. Bryan will make his final address the campaign tonight at Omaha and will return to Lincoln tomorrow to cas

# CONTENDING CLAIMS IN MARYLAND,

Chairman Schryock Says Democratic Candidate Will Carry but One County. BALTIMORE, November 6.-The day before the election finds the leaders of both parties apparently calm and confident and making rather extravagant claims as to the result. Chairman Murray Vandiver, of the democratic state central committee says his party will carry twenty of the twenty-three counties in the state, while Gen. Thomas Schryock, who is at the head of the republican state central committee, says the democratic candidate for governor will carry Worcester county, in which he lives, and no other. More conservative esthmates concede the eastern shore to the democrats by 1,200, southern Maryland to the republicans by 1,000 and western Maryland to the republicans by about the same plurality, leaving Baltimore city, with its 110,000 voters debatable ground. Former Congressman Charles E. Coffin of the fifth congressional district, hereto-fore a stanch republican, has declared his intention to vote for the democratic ticket on the ground that Governor Lowndes has favored Congressman Mudd in the distribution of state patronage.

### Executive Board Meeting. The executive board of the International

Press Union met at the Strathmore Arms Saturday evening. Miss French, secretary pro tem., read communications from vice presidents for Canada and for Michigan regarding the arrangements for the congress to be held in Detroit in May next. It was announced that preliminary announcements will soon be sent to all press women and clubs of press women in this and foreign countries, which will contain a list of topic to be considered in the congress.

# HIS CONDITION UNCHANGED TO CATCH AGUINALDO SALE OF MALT EXTRACTS

# Wheaton's Expedition Leaves for Lingayen Gulf.

# MACARTHUR MOVES TO MAGALANG

Insurgents Defeated During the Advance.

BEAVY RAINS DELAY LAWTON

Gen. Otis has made the following report to the War Department of recent military operations in the Philippines: "MANILA, November 6, 1899.

"Adjutant General, Washington: "Wheaton's expedition, 2,500 strong, with the transports Sheridan and Aztec and two coasting steamers, convoyed by three war vessels, left for Lingayen gulf this morn-

"MacArthur's troops advanced to Magalang yesterday, clearing the country between Angeles and Arayat; encountered about 1,000 of the enemy at different O'Brien, with a battalion of the 17th Infantry, two troops of the 4th Cavalry and Slaven's scouts, moving on the road from Calulut, east of Angeles, encountered and drove the enemy in the direction of Magalang, who left forty-nine dead on the field; O'Brien captured twenty-

eight prisoners, fourteen rifles.
"Col. Smith, with two other battalions of the 17th, Hamilton's Battery of the 1st Artillery and the engineers and signal detachments, moved on the direct road from Angeles to Magalang, capturing the latter place; inflicting a loss on the enemy in killed and wounded of about 100; capturing fifty prisoners; large amount of insurgent transportation. "Our casualties are reported at twelve

wounded, in part.

"Severe heavy rains of the last three days have rendered decisive movements by Lawton's troops impossible. He now has abundant supplies at San Isidro and further north, and will operate to the north and westward when the country now suband westward when the country now sub-merged permits. OTIS." merged permits.

### DEATHS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

#### Gen. Otis Reports Those Occurring Since the Last Report.

Gen. Otis today notified the War Department of the following deaths among troops in the Philippines since last report: Arterial selerosis, October 13, Thomas Nagie, I, 17th Infantry; typhoid fever, John H. Porter, C, 6th Artillery; 31st, Edwin A. Stephenson, L. 17th Infantry; malarial disease, Clarence Wilson, corporal, M, 17th Infantry; November 3, Frank P. Secrist, E. 17th Infantry, homicide; October 20, Paul E. Moran, sergeant, E. 6th Infantry; suicide, insane, 31st, Charles A. Zaisser, D, 6th Infantry; chronic dysentery, 30th, Geo. Cooney, F, 12th Infantry; November 1, John Fitzsimmons, B, 21st Infantry; 2d, James E, Grennan, D, 20th Infantry; acute dysentery, 1st, Daniel E, Webster, L, 9th Infantry; October 28, Jacob Covalaski, 21st Infantry; pulmonary congestion, 11th, Jas. Hulgan, K. 353 Infantry; chronic diarrhoea, 13th, Michael B. Gavin, H. 13th Infantry; gastro intestinal catarrh, 28th, Charles Curgastro intestinal catarrh, 28th, Charles Curley, H, 21st Infantry; parotid abscess, 30th, William E. Whitecotton, I, 4th Infantry; gastro entritis, November 2, David R, Osborne, I, 21st Infantry; John Moor, H, 12th Infantry; 4th, William Gallagher, L, 14th Infantry; drowned, 2d, Louis Jassen, corporal, band, 34th Infantry.

## Naval Orders.

Capt. H. C. Taylor of the navy has been assigned to temporary duty at the War College, Newport, R. I.

Capt. E. White has been granted sick eave for three months. Lieut, R. C. Bulmer, to duty in charge of hydrographic office, Port Townsend, Wash,

Lieut. J. R. Edie, from the Dolphin when at Hampton Roads to the Texas. Lleut. Commander J. F. Parker, from the Vixen to the Scindia.

Surgeon O. D. Norton, from the Ranger o the Monadnock. Passed Assistant Surgeon R. K. Smith, from the Naval Hospital, New York, to the Naval Hospital, Mare Island. Assistant Surgeon O. M. Eakins, to the Assistant Surgeon W. M. Wheeler, to the Naval Academy.
Assistant Surgeon W. M. Wheeler, to the Naval Hospital, New York.
Assistant Surgeon H. E. Odell, from the Naval Hospital, Mare Island, to the Ran-

ger. Chief Boatswain A. McCone, from the Richmond to Washington, D. C., for examination for retirement.

Naval Cadet W. C. Watts, from the Vixen to the Dolphin. Ensign W. S. Whitted, to the navy yard,

Consul at Monterey, Mexico. The President has appointed Philip C. Hanna of Iowa United States consul general at Monterey, Mexico, He was formerly consul at San Juan de Porto Rico

# Movements of Naval Vessels.

The Nashville sailed from Gibraltar for Port Said this morning, on her way to Manila

The Resolute has arrived at San Juan Porto Rico. The Monocacy has arrived at Kin Kiang. The Caesar has arrived at St. Thomas. The Montgomery has sailed from Per-nambuco for Rio.

The Dolphin sailed yesterday from Wash-

## ington for Fort Monroe, on her way to the north coast of South America. Annual Election.

At the annual election of officers, held last week by the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, the following were chosen for the ensuing year: L. H. Middlekauf, president; Miss Bettie Suman, secretary; Miss Margaret R. Fox, treasurer, and Chas. Bateman, delegate to the Christlan Endeavor Union.

# Decrees of Divorce Signed.

Justice Barnard, in Equity Court No. 2, his afternoon, signed a decree granting Alberta V. Wimsatt a divorce from E. Percy Wimsatt, by reason of desertion on the part of the latter.

the part of the latter.

By reason of cruel treatment on the part of the husband. Justice Barnard this afterneon granted Mary Kate Perry a divorce from John Walter, Perry. The decree vests the custody of the children of the couple with the mother, and Mr. Perry is enjoined from interfering with and annoying Mrs. Perry and the children. He may see the children, however, at reasonable times.

# College Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Holy Cross College were this afternoon filed with he recorder of deeds. The object of the institution, it is stated, is the teaching of logmatic theology, moral theology and sacred eloquence, and other studies that may be decided on, John A. Zahn, Andrew Morrisey, James Burns, John Cavanaugh and Peter Joseph Franciscus are the incorporators. Caveat to Will.

#### Lula E. Dashiell of San Antonio, Tex. his afternoon filed with Register Dent a caveat to the will of her deceased father.

John Fitzgerald. At the time of the death of the latter, so the caveator alleges, was not of sound and disposing mind, and did not of his own free will execute the paper purporting to be his will. Ordered by Commissioners. The District Commissioners have directed that a new curb be laid around reserva-

# tions No. 15 and No. 16, at an estimated

cost of \$1,500, chargeable to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbs around public reservations and municipal buildings, and that new granite curb be set under the assessment system, and cement sidewalk laid under said system, on the south side of Hanover street northwest, abutting lots 40, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53, square 617, at an

Question Whether They May Be Dispensed Without a Physician's Prescription.

The Matter Considered by Commissioners, the Health Office and Police Department.

Mr. Robert M. Harper, president of the District Pharmaceutical Association, several weeks ago wrote the Commissioners for information as to the right of druggists to sell malt extracts containing alcohol. The Commissioners referred the communication to their attorney, who, as was stated in The Star at the time, advised them that Congress is slient upon the subject, but suggested that the courts would probably decide each case brought before it according to the evidence submitted. Subsequently Mr. Harper wrote the Commissioners that, if Congress is silent upon the subject, and if the preparations are proprietary medicines and have no standard strength, It appears to him that either a standard of strength should be established or the retail druggists be permitted to sell them with-out fear of a Police Court trial. "All malt extracts," wrote Mr. Harper,

"are made after one general process. They, however, differ in the amount of alcohol and extractive (nutritious) matter, and it is due to variation in alcoholic strength that I appealed to you for instructions or nformation, as we do not relish the charge of 'selling intoxicating liquors without a license.' From this condition of affairs I tope that no further arrests among the retall druggists will be made in this connec-tion until some definite instructions have been given them as to the sale of malt ex-

#### Referred to Health Office.

The Commissioners referred Mr. Harper's communication to the health officer, who reported that the only connection which the health department has had, or is likely to have, in prosecutions for the sale of intoxicating 'iquors without licenses is to nalyze samples of preparations submitted by the police department. The health of-ficer, therefore, suggested that the matter be referred to the police department, which takes the initiative in such measures. The question was thereupon referred by the Commissioners to Maj. Sylvester, the chief of police, who, in turn, referred it to Mr. James L. Pugh, jr., the prosecuting officer of the District in the Police Court.

#### Mr. Pugh's Report. Mr. Pugh reported as follows:

"The Police Court, through Judge Scott, has rendered an opinion in a test case for the sale of pure alcohol, holding that it does not come within the terms of the present law governing the sale of intoxicating liquors in this District. A recent test case was filed against a drugglet for the sale of a malt extract, and the court instructed the jury that all liquors made by formentation come with the by fermentation come with the express provisions of the liquor law, and after conviction the case was taken to the Court of Appeals on writ of error. The latter court has not yet acted. It follows from the decision of the Police Court that druggists, in order to sell malt extracts, wines, liquors etc. must do so on the present. liquors, etc., must do so on the prescrip-tion of a reputable physician, and, of course, as this law must be inforced, the police should see that druggists, as well as others, comply strictly with its provisions." In forwarding Mr. Pugh's report to the Commissioners Maj. Sylvester said it seems to him, from the action of the Police Court and Mr. Pugh's report, that, in or-der to comply with the law as to the sale of liquors, wines, and extracts containing alcohol, druggists can only sell on a phy-sician's certificate; otherwise, they are amenable, and the police should see to its enforcement.
Commissioner Wight has approved Maj.

Sylvester's conclusion, but his associates have not yet acted in the matter.

### NAME OF ULMANN. Californian Believes He Has Made a

Maj. Sylvester received a letter today bearing the name of C. T. Ulmann as the writer, and giving his address as 473 6th this week at the pavilion for the blind, Listreet, Oakland, California. As well as the police can interpret the letter, the writer seems to think there is the name of Ulmann on the United States treasury notes of the series of 1880. This name, he goes on to say, can only be seen by using a

lighted candle.
"It is only one Ulman on this eart'," he writes, "an' Ulmann is my nam'."
Following this, Ulmann gives the informaion that he was never in the United States reasury and conveys the idea that the un authorized use of his name may give some-body trouble. He asks that the police in-vestigate and report to him.

## THE ANNUAL INSPECTION. Police Department Closes Drill of

Precinct Companies.

The police inspection and drill, upon the result of which depends the award of the silk flag donated by Commissioner Wight. closed Saturday afternoon. All the precincts made good showings, and were it not that the marksmanship of the men counts in the total of averages, the contest would have been settled Saturday. As it is, Mai, Sylvester, Capt. Austin and Inspectors Cross and Pearson of the police force and Lieut. Col. Burton S. Ross of the Washington Light Infantry have spent considerable time making up the report. The result is settled, but will not be made bublic until tomorrow afternoon, before the parade occurs. Then the flag will be presented, the winning company to have the privilege of carrying it in line Everything is in readiness for the parade tomorrow and the police and fire depart-ments expect to make a fine display. As heretofore published in The Star, the line will form at Pennsylvania avenue and 18th street, and pass in review of the Commis-sioners and invited guests at the White House. At the Peace monument Maj. Sylvester and Chief Parris will review the men

### before they are dismissed. PHIL. SHERIDAN POST.

#### Organization Recommends a Comrade for Department Office.

Phil Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R., had an unusually interesting meeting Friday evening. The report of the quartermaster gave the receipts of the post for the month of October as \$28.50 greater than expenditures, and but \$2.75 less than the receipts for the entire last quarter of 1898. A letter from Commander-in-chief Albert

Post, was read, in which he said: "I was touched by the loyal tone of your communication of the 13th instant, conveying to me the assurance of confidence and good will of the members of Phil Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R. Such expressions touch my heart and inspire me to the full realization of how much I owe to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I shall endeavor to justify the high confi-dence you express in me, and I wish you to assure every comrade of your post that I shall always cherish their good opinions."

A resolution was unanimously adopted recommending Comrade Charles M. Robinson, quartermaster of George U. Morris Post, No. 19, Georgetown, for the position of senior vice commander of the department of the Potomac and requesting him to become a candidate for that position at the approaching encampment. Mr. Robin-son is in charge of the proof room in the government printing office, and is well favorably known in Grand Army circles, having filled many positions of trust in the Grand Army, as also in the printers union of this city, and as president of that body his experience, is is claimed, eminent-ly equips him for departmental position and honor, where integrity, conser and executive ability are essentials.

#### TO SUCCEED SPEAKER REED. Indications That Amos L. Allen Will Be Elected Today.

PORTLAND, Maine, November 6.-The election of a representative in Congress to succeed ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed is in progress in the first district of Maine today. The contest is between Amos L. Allen, republican, and ex-Representative Luther H. McKinney of Bridgeton, democrat. Mr. Allen was formerly private secretary to Mr. Reed, and his opponent was once

United States minister to Colombia. As the district is strongly republican. It is thought that Mr. Allen's chances are the better, although it is admitted his majority will be small, as the voting is remarkably light. Expansion was the principal issue discussed by the candidates, Mr. Allen sup-porting President McKinley's policy and Mr. McKinney opposing it.

### NEGROES DISFRANCHISED.

# Voting in Louisiana Tomorrow Un-

der the New Constitution. NEW ORLEANS, November 6,-Tomorrow will be election day in New Orleans, and a legal holiday. It will be the first city election held in November, the new constitution having separated state and nunicipal elections. There are two tickets in the field, one headed by Mayor Flower and supported by the Citizens' League and the Jackson Democratic Association, the other headed by Paul Capdevielle and supported by the regular democratic organiza-

Under the new constitution 12,000 ne groes have been disfranchised, and there are now only 1,300 registered. The total registered vote is 38,500. The result will affect the coming state fight and the election of two United States senators to succeed Caffery and McEnery.

# STREET SALE OF FLOWERS.

# When Properly Conducted Dealers Will Not Be Interfered With.

A man wno has been in the habit of selling flowers at the corner of 11th and F streets several days ago formally applied to the District Commissioners for a permit to do so. He explained that upon applying to police headquarters he was informed that no objection would be made by the police, provided he obtained permission from the Commissioners. The applicant promised not o obstruct the sidewalk and said he would otherwise conduct his business in a proper manner. He also stated that he merely destred to enjoy privileges which have been granted to three others at the same point. The matter was referred to the chief of police for a statement as to by what authority the parties in question occupy the garner.

"Persons who sell flowers on the street." said Maj. Sylvester, in the course of his reply, "do not have permission to occupy public space, but so far as I have been able to observe they carry their goods (you may call them such) on trays or in baskets, en-abling them to move from place to place, or in and about corners where there is no objection on the part of the immediate resi-dents or owners. It is a matter largely controlled by circumstances, and the lleuten-ants have generally been allowed to use their discretion in the premises, with the idea that they would do what was right and proper in keeping offensive persons and others from engaging in business when they should not be permitted to do so." He rec-

ommended that in such cases there should be no interference by the police. Commissioner Wight, after considering the report of the chief of police, has recom-mended to his associates that the applicant be informed that the Commissioners have no authority to grant him a permit for a stand at the corner mentioned, or at any other place, for the sale of his flowers, but that there is no objection to his selling flow-ers from a tray carried in the hands, and provided he does not obstruct the sidewalk. Mr. Wight also recommended that the police department be instructed accordingly, and directed to observe the same rule in all

#### Woman's Dress Slashed. This afternoon about 1 o'clock a lady, who

was a passenger in the elevator in the Atlantic building, was a sufferer at the hands of the cutting crank, her dress having been slashed in several places and totally ruined. A complaint of the affair was made to the police of the first precinct and also to the detectives.

Divorce Proceedings Dismissed.

The proceedings for divorce instituted in

# inson, by reason of alleged desertion on the part of the latter, were today dismissed by Justice Barnard because of lack of proof.

Entertainment for the Blind. Following is the program to be observed brary of Congress: Monday, November 6. Miss Florence Spofford; Tuesday, November 7, Mr. Abrams; Wednesday, November 8, Rossini Circle, musicale; Thursday, November 9, Mr. C. E. Messer; Friday, November 10, Miss Ethel Camp; Saturday, November 11, Mrs. J. B. Hotchkiss. Saturday,

Fined for Disorderly Conduct. James De Vaughan, Frank Selby and Albert Curry, who were arrested Saturday evening by Officer Gordon for disorderly conduct on the hack stand at the Baltimor and Ohio depot, were today fined \$5 ea. by Judge Kimball. The fines were paid.

Pleads Guilty. Edward Jones this afternoon pleaded guilty of robbing a house belonging to Herman W. Meinicke of a lot of gas fixtures, and Judge Scott sent him to jail for eight months and fined him \$50, with the alternative of ninety days in default.

#### Held for Grand Jury's Action. John Jenkins of Freeman's alley was this afternoon held for the grand jury by Judge

Scott to answer the charge of breaking into a car of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company Saturday evening last. Both Fined \$5. For indulging in an affray on the street Saturday evening Joseph Lee and Othello Lee, brothers, were this afternoon each

## fine, and Othello was committed in default. It is expected, however, his fine will be paid during the day.

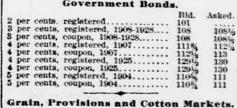
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Afro-American Council. It is announced that the regular monthly meeting of the District of Columbia branch of the Afro-American Council will take place this evening at 8 o'clock at the Conservatory of Music, corner 12th and R streets northwest. Former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback is expected to preside.

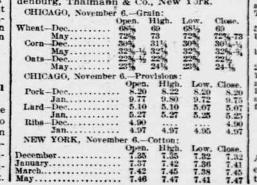
Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE. November 6.—Flour dull; western super, \$2.25a\$2.35; do. extra, \$2.40a\$2.90; do. family, \$3.20a\$3.50; whiter wheat, patents, \$3.65a\$3.85; spring wheat patents, \$3.75a\$4; spring wheat, straight, \$3.45a\$3.60; receipts, 24.762 barriels; exports, 1.001 barrels. Wheat very dull; spot and the month, 685a60; December, 704a769; steamer No. 2 red, 644a64%; receipts, 19.182 busiels; exports, 23.520 bushels; southern by sample, 65 a699; do. on grade, 654a6394. Corn firmer; mixed, spot and the month, 375a3838; November or December, new or old, 364a37; January and February, 365a3654; steamer mixed, 365a3658; receipts, 126.894 bushels; exports, 65.143 bushels; southern white corn, 35a38, new; do. yellow, 35a38, new. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 36a31; No. 2 mixed, 28 asked. Rye very dull; No. 2 nearby, 57a68; No. 2 western, 60 bid. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, \$14.50a\$15. Grain freights very flat; steam to Liverpool, perbushel, 34d. November; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3s. 3d.a3s. 44d. November, Sugar strong, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 5.39. Cheese steady, unchanged; large, 13a134; medium, 134a 134; small, 134a1334. Butter firm; fancy creamety, 24a25; do. imitation, 19a20; do. ladie, 17a18; good ladie, 16; store-packed, 14a16; rolls, 15a17. Eggs firm, unchanged; fresh, 21a22. D. Shaw, addressed to Adjutant W. E.

Government Bonds.



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# FINANCE AND TRADE

Weak Opening in Stocks Followed by Sharp Rally.

LEATHER LED THE ADVANCE

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

#### Special Disputch to The Evening Star NEW YORK, November 6.-As was to

ave been expected, the tendency of the early trading in today's stock market was oward a lower level. The surprising feature of the trading, however, was the exremely moderate proportions of the decline. Good support was reflected at every point of attack, and the end of the first iour saw liquidation halted and prices noving upward again.

In Leather common the support was exeptionally strong, and Saturday's mistake withdrawing it was not repeated

and brought the entire list into a sympahetic advance. Earnings were good and every indication

articular. ·High prices for materials may increase maintenance expenses, but it is too early to determine this point definitely. For the present the roads are operating to the full extent of their capacity and the repairs begun after the first indication of business

for commodities.

The money market was moderately as The money market was moderately ac-tive, but rates did not fluctuate as widely as seemed likely after a bank statement such as that of last week. During the morning rates varied from 8 to 12 per cent. morning rates varied from 8 to 12 per cent, with a liberal supply offering at the higher rate. The reduced reserve gives no concern to bankers, and it is confidently expected that before the thirty-day period clapses a comfortable surplus will be reflected. There was some shifting of loans today, but there was no confusion in the today, but there was no confusion in the

The character of the securities determined the facility for borrowing. Good collateral is not refused, and where degree of value is considered, the least desirable pays the highest interest. There is not the volume money which prompts indiscriminate operations and the industrial department must remain in its probationary state for a further period. Where dividends are being carned and statements are made showing. ther period. Where dividends are being carned and statements are made showing the process, the market will not hesitate to move prices up to value.

The prevailing confidence in the recently

of course, an experienced guardianship is added to the natural qualifications of this group, but the holding of prices has not

During the final hour the market became carrow, but retained all of its earlier fea-ures, holding well in spite of the duliness. The larger market interests predict a satis-factory outcome of tomorrow's elections and bought stocks on this prospect. Should this view prove correct and with the pros-pect for some improvement in this bank statement, new life may be given to the several manipulative, projects and existen-

# mixed demand.

Open. High. Low Close.
44%, 45%, 44%, 45,
47%, 47%, 46,
94, 94, 94,
155%, 157%, 154%, 156%,
111, 122%, 121, 122%,
223, 22%, 22%, 22%,
65%, 66%, 65%, 66%, merican Cotton Off .... anada Southern. Central Pacino hesapeake & Oblo 60 1525 1681 1149 1250 114 120 1485 541 281 1881 Chicago tras.
C., M. and St. Paul.
Chicago R. I. & Pacific.
Chic., St. P., M. & O.
Chic. & G. Western. olorado Fuel and Iron onsolidated Gas ..... 190 41% 92 Con. Tobacco, pfd.... Del., Lack & W.... 122 Delaware & Hudson Den & Rio Grande, pfd... 122 121% 121% 5714 7834 122 11444 8638 196 10834 4814 3948 2898 123 137 Federal Steel. Federal Steel, pfd... General Electric.... inois Central..... uisville & Nashville.. detropolitan Traction ... Manhattan Elevated M. K. & T., pfd.

National Lead Co...
New Jersey Central.
New York Central.
Northern Pacific Northern Pacific, pfd..... Ontario & Western... Pacific Maii Pennsylvania R. R.... Southern Kanway, pfd...

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular cal., 12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction, 3 at 34%. Washington Gas, 25 at 56%. After call—Potomac Fire Insurance, 10 at 79, 15 at 79, 14 at 57, 14 at 57.

Washington Gas, 5 at 57, 1 at 57.

Washington Gas, 5 at 56, 1 at 57, 1 at 57, 10 bit. c of Columbia Bonds.—6s, 30-year funding, 107 bid. 7s, 1901, water stock, 107 bid. 3.65s, funding, 116% bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad cert. 124% bid. 127 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. 124% bid. 127 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. 13 bid. 113 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. 13 bid. 113 asked. Washington Gas Co. series B. 6s, 111 bid, 113 asked. Washington Gas Co. series B. 6s, 13 bid. U. S. Electric Light deb. Imp. 6s, 114 bid. 117% asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Teiephone Co. 13 bid. Washington Market Co. 13 6s, 114 bid. Washington Market Co. 14 6s, 114 bid. Washington Market Co. 15 6s, 114

estate of Jacob Y. Turner, who is claimed

Southern Pacific was sold by traders lown to 40%, but recovered very promptly for a gain of 15 per cent. The stocks named were the active features of the day

points to sustained improvement in this

revival may serve to carry them safely through the present period of high prices

process.

The character of the securities determiner

ctive low-priced shares demonstrates this act. Today, with a confused money situa-on and a pending holiday over a doubtful olitical outlook, the low-priced stocks held

London traded in upward of 15,000 shares of various stocks, selling mostly on the bank statement, but all her offerings were uickly taken.

## December of last year by Mitchell E. Robuson to secure a divorce from Nancy Robseveral manipulative projects underlying the market. Leather was marked up to a new high level late in the day, and the general list gained moderately under a mixed demand.

New York Stock Market. A. S. Wire.... Am, Steel & Wire pid..... American Sugar...... American Tobacco...... Atchison, pfd.
Atchison Adjustments.
Baltimore & Ohio, w 1..... Brooklynkapid Transit

C., C. C. & St. Louis..... Chicago, B. & Q. Chic & Northwestern...

| Southern Railway | 135 | 135 | 134 | 134 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135

100 bid. Amecostia and Potomac 5s, 102 bid, 103 asked.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 350 bid. Metropolitan, 485 bid. Central, 170 bid. Farmers and Mechanics, 210 bid. Second, 155 bid. Citizens', 140 bid. Columbia, 100 bid. Capital, 128 bid. West End, 118 bid, 120 asked. Traders', 120 bid. Lincoln, 117 bid, 122 asked.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 130 bid, 150 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 136 bid, 170 asked. American Security and Trust, 196 bid. Washington Safe Deposit, 60 bid.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 36% bid. Franklin, 46% bid. Metropolitan, 80 bid. Corcoran, 61 bid. Potomac, 78 bid, 79% asked. Arlington, \*158% bid. Potomac, 78 bid, 79% asked. Columbia, 14 bid, 15 asked. German American, 212 bid. National Union, 12% bid, 14% asked. Columbia, 14 bid, 15 asked. Commercial, 4 bid.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 85 bid. Columbia Title, 5 bid. District Title, 3% bid, 3% asked.

Railrond Stocks.—Capital Traction, 24% bid, 3% asked.

Columbia Title, 5 bid. District Title, 3½ bid, 3½ asked.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 94½ bid, 95 asked. City and Suburban, 36 bid. Georgetown and Tenleytown, 18 bid.
Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 56½ bid, 56½ asked. Georgetown Gas, 52 bid.
U. S. Electric Light, 130 bid.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 74 bid, 76 asked. Pennsylvania, 40 bid.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 205½ bid, 206½ asked. Lanston Monotype, 16 bid, 17 asked. American Graphophone preferred, \*13 bid, 13½ asked. American Graphophone preferred, \*13 bid, 13½ asked. Washington Market, 13 bid, 15 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 120 bid.

\*Ex divid-oid.

Committee of Person and Estate. Justice Barnard today appointed Mitchell A. Skinner committee of the person and

Money Rates Were Irregular on Strength of Bank Statement